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### *Great Parks, Great Communities*

## Hunter Mill Planning Workshop Focuses on Future Parks

The Fairfax County Park Authority is seeking input from residents of the Hunter Mill District on future park needs. Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, along with Park Authority Board Member Bill Bouie will host a *Great Parks, Great Communities* workshop and open house on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Langston Hughes Middle School cafeteria located at 11401 Ridge Heights Road in Reston.

*Great Parks, Great Communities* is an exciting new planning process initiated to gather ideas from citizens in each magisterial district about how they'd like their community parks and recreational facilities to look in the future. A recent survey found that eight out of ten Fairfax County residents visited park facilities in the past year. Now residents can participate in the preservation, protection and planning of future parks.

Parks are a critical element in healthy, thriving communities. They are places set aside for the protection and enhancement of environmental values. They are places where our cultural heritage can be explored and brought to life. They are also places for leisure enjoyment and recreation that improve the physical and mental well being for all residents.

The end result of the *Great Parks, Great Communities* workshops will be the development of a long-range guide for future planning and development of the Fairfax County park system. The final document will be approved by the Park Authority Board and serve as the basis for the County's Comprehensive Plan Amendment to update the park recommendations. For more information contact the Planning and Development Division at 703-324-8741.

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